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 For : BAG HANDLE AND)
 METHOD AND MEANS OF)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned U.S. national phase application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 3 - 6 and 14.

Please amend the Claims as follows:

In Claim 9, line 1, please delete "or 8".

Please add the following new claims:

15. An obstruction member for attaching a cord handle to a bag or other receptacle, wherein the obstruction member defines a cord receiving cavity adapted to engage an agletted cord and wherein the obstruction member can be sized so as to become large enough to be unable to pass through an aperture in the bag and wherein the obstruction member is made of a material suitable for bonding to the aglet of the cord.

16. A cord assembly adapted to form the handle of a bag, the assembly comprising:
 a cord having a first end;
 an aglet formed at a first end of the cord; and